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## **THREE DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS AT FORT LEONARD WOOD**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three defendants have been charged, in separate and unrelated cases, with various offenses at Fort Leonard Wood.

“Working with our partners at Fort Leonard Wood, we will continue to ensure that the civilian law and standards of conduct of the Fort are upheld,” Graves said.

\* **Khaled E. Miller**, 32, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was charged with hindering the performance of a governmental function, speeding, and driving without a valid operator’s license in a federal information filed on March 24, 2004, in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

Count One of the federal information alleges that **Miller** obstructed a government function when he exited his vehicle during a routine traffic stop and approached two military police officers contrary to their commands to stop on Jan. 9, 2004, at Fort Leonard Wood. Count One also alleges that **Miller** refused to provide his hand to military police while the officers were attempting to place him under arrest and that he refused to walk toward the officers’ vehicle after he had been apprehended.

Count Two of the federal information alleges that **Miller** drove his vehicle at a speed more than 20 mph over the posted speed limit on Nov. 3, 2003, at Fort Leonard Wood.

Count Three of the federal information alleges that **Miller** drove his vehicle over the posted speed limit on Jan. 9, 2004, at Fort Leonard Wood.

Counts Four, Five and Six of the federal information allege that **Miller** purposefully operated a vehicle without possessing a proper driver’s licence on Nov. 3, 2003, Jan. 9, 2004, and Jan. 24, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Dobosh. It was investigated by Fort Leonard Wood Military Police.

\* **Michael Balboa**, 18, of St. Robert, Mo., was charged with illegally re-entering Fort Leonard Wood in a federal information filed on March 24, 2004, in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

The federal information alleges that **Balboa** illegally re-entered Fort Leonard Wood on Feb. 22, 2002, after having been ordered not to re-enter the facility by the officer in command and in charge.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by the Fort Leonard Wood Military Police.

\* **Michael G. Pavey**, 48, of Licking, Mo., was charged with attempting to commit simple assault in a federal information filed on March 24, 2004, in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

Count One of the federal information alleges that **Pavey** attempted to commit simple assault on a United States Military Police officer by pushing and attempting to strike the officer while **Pavey** was being fingerprinted on Jan. 7, 2004, at Fort Leonard Wood.

Count Two of the federal information alleges that **Pavey** operated a motor vehicle in an intoxicated condition on Jan. 7, 2004, at Fort Leonard Wood.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Hillman. It was investigated by the Fort Leonard Wood Military Police.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these informations are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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